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1. FOLLOW-UP NEWS COVERAGE OF THE FURRE-MARCHETTI ALLEGATIONS
OF CIA OPERATIONS IN NORWAY HAS LARGELY CENTERED ON CLARI-
FICATION OF THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF CIA-NORWEGIAN COOPERATION
AND ON THE STRONG STATEMENTS OF GON OFFICIALS.

2. FOLLOWING THE FURRE TV ALLEGATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 2 AND THE
MARCHETTI INTERVIEW IN DAGBLADET SEPTEMBER 3, MOST OSLO
MEDIA HAVE NOT GIVEN THE MATTER HEAVY COVERAGE.

3. THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION HAS BEEN DAGBLADET, ONE OF WHOSE
EDITORS, JAHN OTTO JOHANSEN, WROTE AN ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 5
WHICH, TO AN EXTENT, COUNTERED THE MARCHETTI INTERVIEW
PRINTED SEPTEMBER 3 IN THAT SAME PAPER.

4. JOHANSEN STATES THAT THERE HAS BEEN COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE CIA AND NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING. HE STATES, HOWEVER,
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THAT CIA PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN MANNING THE
STATIONS. JOHANSEN SAYS THAT MARCHETTI'S CLAIM OF
PERMANENTLY STATIONED CIA PERSONNEL PROBABLY REFERS
TO PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY WHO CONSULT
ON THE OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT.

5. JOHANSEN GOES ON TO SAY THAT ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE

GATHERING FACILITIES IN NORWAY HAVE SERVED TO AVERT CRISES AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF LARGER SUPER-POWER ACTIVITIES. HE POINTS OUT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NEVER PROTESTED AGAINST SUCH NORWEGIAN STATIONS AND THAT SUCH STATIONS FURTHER NO OFFENSIVE STRATEGY. HE ALSO STATES THAT THE STATIONS SERVE NORWEGIAN INTERESTS BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON WHICH TO MAKE REALISTIC ASSESSMENTS DURING MAJOR CRISES SUCH AS THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN INVASION AND THE YOM KIPPUR WAR.

6. AFTENPOSTEN, IN A SEPTEMBER 5 EDITORIAL, VOICED WHAT IS PROBABLY A MAJORITY VIEW WHEN IT CRITICIZED LEFT SOCIALIST (SV) LEADER FURRE FOR USING HIS PARTY'S ALLOTTED TV ELECTION TIME TO LAUNCH THE CIA ALLEGATIONS. AFTENPOSTEN CHARACTERIZED THE SV ELECTION CAMPAIGN AS DISHONEST AND IRRESPONSIBLE WITH LITTLE PROSPECT OF MOVING THE NORWEGIAN PUBLIC. THE EDITORIAL IS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF SV'S ATTACKS ON NATO AND ENDS BY POINTING OUT THAT COLLECTIVE SECURITY REQUIRES COLLECTIVE SOLIDARITY AND THAT NORWAY MUST ACCEPT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS.

7. DEFENSE MINISTER HANSEN CLARIFIED MATTERS WITH A STRONG TV STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 5. HE SAID THAT "WE COOPERATE WITH OUR ALLIES IN THE INTELLIGENCE FIELD AND RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO COVER THE OPERATIONS OF THESE ACTIVITIES." HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT,
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HOWEVER, THAT THOSE STATIONS ARE OWNED, OPERATED AND CONTROLLED BY NORWAY. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY U.S. PERSONNEL WHO VISIT THE STATIONS ARE THOSE WHO COME BRIEFLY TO DO MAINTENANCE WORK. HANSEN ALSO STATED THAT THE INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED IS IN NORWEGIAN HANDS AND THAT NORWEGIANS ALONE DECIDE HOW MUCH OF SUCH INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH OTHERS.

8. ON THE SAME BROADCAST, CHIEF OF DEFENSE HAMRE REPEATED THE SAME THEMES, ADDING THAT THE STATIONS WERE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES SINCE THEY KEPT THE GON INFORMED OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE BORDERING COUNTRY.

8. COMMENT: THE SV ALLEGATIONS OF CIA PARTICIPATION IN THE OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE GATHERING STATIONS IN NORWAY HAS, TO DATE, GARNERED LITTLE PUBLIC SUPPORT THOUGH IT HAS CREATED A PRE-ELECTION STIR. THE FIRM DENIALS BY GON OFFICIALS, COMBINED WITH THEIR CANDID DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE STATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE AMPLY COUNTERED THE FURRE-MARCHETTI CHARGES. THE LATEST SV EFFORT HAS,

VERY PROBABLY, DONE FAR MORE HARM THAN GOOD TO THAT
PARTY'S FAST-FADING ELECTORAL PROSPECTS.

10. IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER PRESS INQUIRIES, WE NOW
INTEND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, TO SAY "AS A
MATTER OF NORMAL POLICY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
DOES NOT COMMENT ON SUCH MATTERS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE
NOTED THE RECENT REMARKS OF DEFENSE MINISTER HANSEN
AND CHIEF OF DEFENSE GENERAL HAMRE AND HAVE NOTHING TO
ADD TO THEIR COMMENTS."
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